

**REMARKS**

Claims 21-24 are pending.

Claim 24 is a substantial copy of claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,221,042 (Adams).

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the pending claims.

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